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Reality check

New simulator helps ATC
make training more realistic

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On the cover:

An air traffic controller uses the new ATC simulator at the 39th Operations Squadron. The simulator helps controllers set up real-world scenarios using training equipment instead of airplanes. The benefit is not putting lives at risk to train. See related article, Page 8. (Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards.)

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. "Tip" Stinnette
39th Air Base Wing commander

On-Air

Starting Monday, I will attempt to reach out a little more through a weekly AFN morning show (radio station 1590 AM) bright and early at 7:30 a.m. This is another opportunity for us to connect on the issues and concerns that are important to you. I will attempt to answer any and all questions on-the-spot or get back to you with a prompt response after the show. You can also catch my Wingman, Col. Suminsby, 39th Air Base Wing vice commander, every Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

Take advantage of these opportunities to give and receive information that will

help increase the quality of life of everyone on base.

Stay fit year-round

Physical fitness is a way of life and should be incorporated in your every-day routines year round. Waiting until the last minute to cram in as many push-ups as you can before your PT test misses the intent of improving your overall physical wellness.

More and more people are deploying from Incirlik every day, and being physically fit and prepared for these deployments will only benefit you in the long wrong. Utilize FitLinxx to help track your progress. Take care of yourself so you are ready whenever the mission calls upon you.

AT/FP

It is critical you understand force protection is everyone's responsibility. We all play a critical roll in safeguarding each other. Pay close attention to the travel advisories in the AT/FPD on the Source, on the Commander's Channel and AFN. They may put a damper on your weekend plans, but they are published as a precaution to keep you safe.

When you are out and about, immediately report any suspicious activity to the law enforcement desk at 6-3200. Incirlik Force Protection – practice it and live!

'You are not forgotten'

By Capt. Vince King
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Sept. 16 marked another day in history where we remembered and commemorated the lives of our fellow Airmen, Sailors, Marines, Soldiers and civilians, and reflected upon their extraordinary sacrifices made on behalf of this country.

This was a time to remember the faces of the prisoners of war and the missing in action, recall the names of those still missing and to reaffirm the pledge our nation's leaders have made to account for every service member who did not come home.

When they joined the armed services, they dedicated their lives to protect all that made this country what it is today.

The men and women of this country have served bravely and with much confidence in various wars, to include the

present fight in Afghanistan, Iraq and other theaters of the war on terror, knowing that, if they do fall in battle, our nation will do everything in its power to bring them home.

Throughout history, Americans have stood ready against those who would threaten all that we believe in. We continue to defend the principles of freedom and liberty in wars throughout the world while helping others to accomplish and receive the same freedoms we hold dearly to our hearts.

Many endured unimaginable hardships as prisoners of war, while others remain unaccounted for. Our nation's senior leaders demand a full accounting.

Let us rededicate our efforts in honoring them and the sacrifices they made. For one moment, I ask that all Airmen stop, pause and from the heart remember our fallen heroes and tell them, "YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN."

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Moseley: Future of the AF

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

To determine the way ahead, one must understand the heritage and history of the Air Force, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley said during his keynote address on the future of the Air Force at the Air Force Association's 2005 Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition Sept. 14.

In World War I, the Allies were faced with breaking the German lines near the city of St. Mihiel. The Germans were entrenched and fortified, and it was up to Col. Billy Mitchell to plan the air offensive.

Looking at the plan and execution, it is very similar to the tactics the Air Force uses today to gain air superiority.

"First, (Colonel Mitchell) built a series of expeditionary airfields that had repair hangars, billeting, and messing facilities," General Moseley said. "He then stocked them with fuel and munitions. For the opening shot he sent his fighters deep into German airspace to directly attack the German air force. This cleared the way for the bombardment squadrons to directly attack German headquarters, troop concentrations, staging areas, transportation infrastructure, and airfields."

During his address, the general cited many of the founding fathers of air power as laying the foundation for today's future. "What (Colonel Mitchell) and these early, intrepid Airmen demonstrated in those frail (World War I) aircraft ... how they began to think and organize ... how they forever changed warfare — they have given us a sense of perspective and a way to understand our future," he said.

Also, in understanding the future course for the Air Force, there are current challenges that must be met.

General Moseley cited three challenges the Air Force must tackle: focus on fighting the war on terrorism, continue to develop Airmen and recapitalize and modernize the inventory.

The Air Force has been involved in the war on terrorism for more than 1,400 days. After such a long time, as with most tasks, an air of complacency can set in, he said.

"Let me be clear: We cannot now, nor ever, lose sight of the fact that the mission of the United States Air Force is to fly and to fight," General Moseley said. "We fly and we fight ... that's what we do."

It is the Airmen who fly and fight, and training those Airmen is an Air Force priority.

"We clearly have the best people in the world," he said. "If we are going to ask our Airmen to defend this nation, then we owe it to them to give them the best opportunities for career development ... and give them the best possible standard of living and the best possible training."

The general said the Air Force must continue to make the training more realistic and find the right mix of joint, coalition and composite force training.

For the Air Force to train and fight, it has to have the proper equipment to ensure mission success.

"Old equipment is not a new problem," General Moseley said. "We are operating the oldest inventory of aircraft in our history." The average age of the fleet has gone from 8 1/2 years old in 1967 to an average of 23 1/2 years old today, he said.

General Moseley commented on the way ahead for the Air Force and the four points that will drive its future.

- ♦ The future total force must be not only adaptable to today's fight, but also tomorrow's fight and equally adaptable to unknown applications.

- ♦ It must be seamless among the active duty, Guard and Reserve components.

- ♦ It must operate in a joint environment; not only in what is purchased, but also in the way we fight, talk and think.

- ♦ It must be affordable.

"To meet these challenges though, we must continue to look for better ways to operationally exploit the air and space domain," the general said.

General Moseley also spoke of the innovativeness and execution the early pioneers of the Air Force used to overcome obstacles in their path.

"The pioneers have given us a proud combat heritage, a heritage that speaks to us today," he said. "Their work, their ideas, and their courage propel us toward an unlimited horizon of opportunity which is the birthright of your Air Force."

"So when someone asks you what the Air Force will be doing in the future, tell them this: We will do what we have always done," he said. "We will stand on the shoulders of giants. We will take care of each other and every member of this great fighting force. We will innovate. And ... we will fly ... we will fight ... and we will win."

YOUR TURN

What does POW/MIA day mean to you?

"It means paying respect and homage to the brothers and sisters before us."

— Master Sgt. Robert Rochester, 39th Mission Support Squadron



"POW/MIA day means to remember the people who have sacrificed so much for our country."

— Charlotte Stander, Housing Office



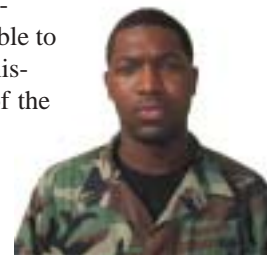
"It's time to reflect on missing soldiers. We need to let them know that they are remembered."

— Tech. Sgt. Hareech Carswell, 39th MSS



"POW/MIA day is important because we are able to continue our mission because of the sacrifices they have made. They are the reason why we serve."

— Senior Airman Will Jones, 39th MSS



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

Action Line:

Concerned callers ask about body piercings, Internet dial-up, wing fun runs

Body piercings

Q : I have been out into the Alley several times and I continue to see male military individuals wearing earrings, nose rings and eyebrow rings. I thought this was against regulations for a male to pierce any part of his body? Why does the base not send out some leadership to see what is going on?

A : Thanks for the comments on body piercing ... you are absolutely right. We are addressing this issue at numerous levels ... on base and off.

Body piercing for males is not permitted on base – on duty or off, in uniform or civilian attire. If you observe someone violating that rule, you should correct them on the spot. If someone does opt to wear an earring when off base, they must remove it prior to returning to the base. However, I would discourage male Airmen from wearing earrings, and the reason goes beyond Air Force instructions. We live in a country where the people, for the most part, are much more conservative than in the United States. Body piercings, along with other choices in clothing, may not be conducive to maintaining a low profile for anti-terrorism and force protection reasons. When going out into the local community we need to be mindful of our hosts and the image we portray.

The command chief and I, as well as many other members of the base leadership, conduct periodic “Eyes On” patrols both on base and in the Alley, and this is exactly the type of thing we keep an eye out for. This is a leadership responsibility as you rightfully point out ... I’m on it! I invite everyone to join me in enforcing Air Force standards and good judgment.

Internet dial-up

Q : Since I arrived at Incirlik, I have repeatedly encountered problems with MayaNet. This is a service that I pay for, and yet, I have no other options of Internet providers to choose from. Why is this? If a company knows that it can consistently provide poor service but will still have a solid customer base simply because they have no competition, there is no motive for them to improve their business. I would happily pay more if it meant I could consistently use the Internet and not get kicked off every 30 minutes.

I am also aware the base is getting high speed Internet to housing, but will this service still be provided by MayaNet only? Can I expect to log on and connect without the problems that I currently face?

A : We are sorry that this one has been an issue for many for so long. Your current problems with the service have been experienced by most users on the base due to the

limited capabilities supported by dial-up. Currently, the system can support approximately 192 users simultaneously. This often results in busy signals for many of our customers attempting to log on. MayaNet was selected through the Air Force’s competitive contracting process and is the exclusive IP available on base. However, users can sign up with other, off-base service providers. This option does entail an additional cost for calling off base which should be considered when determining the desirability of these other plans.

The future is bright! We will be fielding residential commercial ADSL service for the installation which will increase our capacity to 624 users at one time. The new ADSL equipment package will exceed current demand and allow for growth. Should the capacity exceed capabilities, the equipment is scalable and can be upgraded as needed. While most customers will switch to ADSL immediately, dial up will continue for a period of time. The current dial-up plan will be phased out in March. With ADSL, customers will be directly connected at all times. We expect no waiting to connect or busy signals. Several packages will be offered to users, including 128K, 256K and 512K. The alternatives will support educational requirements, web gaming and various downloads requiring high speed access.

Wing Fun Runs

Q : It has bothered me that officers are getting away with not participating in Wing Fun Runs and more than likely are not able to pass their physical fitness test. In addition, some of them are extremely over weight as well. How can we follow officers that do not lead by example? Why don’t we have an officer physical fitness call, line them all up, have a two-mile run and see the problem first hand? Why does the Air Force not get these officers in shape or kick them out? They do it to the enlisted force, at least some of them, so why are officers spared this action? The Air Force needs to get tougher on our leaders and be fair across the spectrum; the same standards should apply to officers as well as enlisted.

A : I would like to ensure everyone that the standards articulated by the Air Force will be applied fairly and uniformly to every Airmen in the 39th Air Base Wing, regardless of grade, sex or any other demographic that one could think to apply. Your idea for an Officer Physical Fitness call is excellent and one that I was reminded about while watching “We Were Soldiers Once, and Young” the other week. I have done that before as the commander of another unit, and I did it here Thursday. This is my job and I will take it on!



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Members of the 39th Medical Group retire the 39th Medical Squadron guidon during the change of command, redesignation ceremony Wednesday.

39th MDS hosts change of command, re-designation

By Senior Airman
Stephanie Hammer

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The 39th Medical Squadron deactivated and the 39th Medical Group activated during a ceremony here Wednesday.

During the ceremony, Lt. Col. Amy McDaniels relinquished command of the 39th MDS and Col. Kimberly Cox assumed command of the 39th MDG. Colonel Cox is the former executive nursing fellow for the Assistant Surgeon General, Nursing Services, Office of the Surgeon General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.

Colonel McDaniels will be reassigned as the Associate Director of Nursing and Associate Chief of Modernization and Optimization of the Air Force Medical Support Agency, a field operating agency located at Bolling.

"The change also aligns with the Air Force's vision of medical services concerning organization and structure," said Colonel Cox. "The O-6 billet will provide senior leadership and mentorship for officers that will last years after I'm gone."

"The medical group construct will continue to provide Incirlik Air Base with the quality care that we have become accustomed, with the addition of senior medical leadership," added Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander. "Incirlik Air Base has a rich history of continual improvement and adap-

tation and the medical group is no exception. We are always striving to make our medical care at Incirlik Air Base more agile and responsive to community needs and the re-designation of the medical squadron to a medical group is a step in that direction."

The re-designation will be transparent to most base people and will have a minimal effect on day-to-day operations, said Colonel Cox.

"I have heard great things about the medical squadron," she said. "I want to keep us on an upward path as we become a medical group. We have a high-rate of customer satisfaction and I want that upward trend to continue."

Colonel Cox has been the executive nursing fellow since July 2004. Prior to that, she was the 15th Medical Group deputy commander at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Colonel Cox received a direct commission in the Air Force Nurse Corps in 1982. Her assignments range from clinical nursing to recruiting, management, administration and command. She served as an officer accessions flight commander of one of the largest recruiting areas in the country, a deputy medical group commander and twice as a squadron commander.

During her 23-year Air Force career, Colonel Cox has earned the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters; the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster; and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

IN THE NEWS

Restriction

Personnel are advised there is a high likelihood of civil disturbance in the vicinity of Antakya (Antioch) over the next week. The vicinity is restricted and personnel will avoid the location until further notice.

CFC

The Combined Federal Campaign begins Oct. 3. For more information, call your squadron representative or Maj. Stone at 6-6706.

TRICARE

When people PCS, they remain in TRICARE Prime for a max of 60 days from their departure date to their next assignment so their coverage is uninterrupted. People should stop by the TRICARE office before they move.

Sunday brunch

The club offers breakfast and lunch items, desserts, omelette station and more every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call the Club at 6-6101.

EDIS Incirlik

People with questions or concerns about their child's development from birth to 3-years-old can contact Educational and Developmental Intervention Services at 6-9649. For information about children older than 3, call the Incirlik Elementary School Child Find at 6-3109.

Katrina info sources

There are a number of organizations collecting funds for victims of Hurricane Katrina, which hit the southern states of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi Aug. 29. Below are organizations collecting funds specifically for these victims. The Air Force Aid Society, the American Red Cross, Friends of the Family Support Center (Randolph AFB, Texas), DSN 314-652-5321, The Network for Good, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Salvation Army.

Adverse Action Results

The following Courts-Martial, Article 15s and discharges were administered or closed out during the months of May through August.

Court-Martials

♦ A captain from the 39th Air Base Wing was found guilty during a General Court-Martial for the following infraction under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice: conduct unbecoming an officer. His sentence consisted of a reprimand and dismissal from the U.S. Air Force.

♦ A senior airman from the 39th Maintenance Squadron was found guilty during a Special Court-Martial for the following infraction under the UCMJ: indecent acts or liberties. His sentence consisted of a reduction to the grade of E-1 and a bad conduct discharge.

♦ A master sergeant from the 39th MXS pleaded and was found guilty during a Special Court-Martial for the following infractions under the UCMJ: absent without leave; misuse of government travel card; and writing worthless checks to the Incirlik Base Exchange and the Incirlik Consolidated Club in the total sum of \$8,980.11 and failure to maintain funds to cover said checks. His sentence consisted of a reduction to the grade of E-1 and confinement for 360 days.

Article 15s

♦ An airman from the 39th Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for misbehavior of sentinel (sleeping on post). His punishment consisted of a reduction to E-1, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand. The reduction to E-1 was suspended contingent on the member's good behavior for the next six months.

♦ A senior airman from the 39th Operations Squadron received an Article 15 for destruction of non-government property and drunk driving. His punishment consisted of a reduction to E-3 and 45 days extra duty.

♦ A senior airman from the 39th MXS received an Article 15 for indecent or lewd acts with another. His punishment consisted of a reduction to E-3. The reduction to E-3 was suspended contingent on the member's good behavior for the next six months.

♦ An airman first class from the 39th Medical Squadron received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty and disrespect to a commissioned officer. His punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of E-2, forfeiture of \$200 per month for two months and a reprimand.

♦ An airman first class from the 39th SFS received an Article 15 for failure to go and misbehavior of sentinel. His punishment con-

sisted of a reduction to the grade of E-1, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ A master sergeant from the 39th MDS received an Article 15 for drunken driving. His punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of E-6, forfeiture of \$1,000 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 30 days and a reprimand. The forfeiture of \$1,000 pay per month for two months was suspended contingent on the member's good behavior for the next six months.

♦ An airman from the 39th SFS received an Article 15 for misbehavior of sentinel. His punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of E-1, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand. The 30 days extra duty was suspended contingent on the member's good behavior for the next six months.

♦ An airman first class from the 39th Communications Squadron received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty and failure to go. His punishment consisted of reduction to the grade of E-2, forfeiture of \$286 pay per month for one month, 30 days extra duty, restriction to base for 30 days and a reprimand.

♦ A senior airman from the 39th SFS received an Article 15 for violation of a general order. His punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of E-3, forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand. The reduction to the grade of E-3 was suspended contingent on the member's good behavior for the next six months.

♦ A senior airman from the 39th SFS received an Article 15 for damage to military property and fleeing the scene of an accident. His punishment consisted of reduction to the rank of E-3, forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ A staff sergeant from the 385th Air Expeditionary Group received an Article 15 for larceny. His punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of E-4.

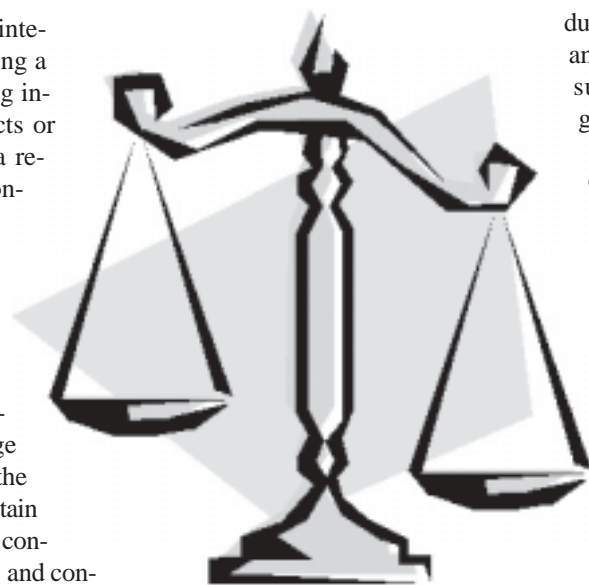
Discharges

♦ An airman basic from the 39th SFS received a general discharge from the Air Force as a result of his conviction in a Summary Court-Martial. He was found guilty of making a false official statement.

♦ An airman from the 39th SFS received a general discharge from the Air Force as a result of minor disciplinary infractions.

♦ An airman basic from the 39th CS received a general discharge from the Air Force for minor disciplinary infractions.

♦ An airman first class from the 39th SFS received a general discharge from the Air Force for failure in alcohol abuse treatment and minor disciplinary infractions.





Safety #1 priority for everyone at Incirlik

Wingmen in the family

This week, two U.S. Air Forces in Europe team members were involved in a motorcycle mishap. The passenger was thrown from the motorcycle into traffic and was struck by an oncoming vehicle. This same week, three USAFE family members were hit by a civilian pickup truck. The accident took place at a crosswalk just outside a housing gate.

As USAFE members, we are exposed to many hazards, most significantly, those involving motor vehicles. As family members, you play a vital role in keeping each other safe. Below are some safety tips to keep in mind.

Pedestrian safety

Thousands of pedestrians are killed by automobiles every year and many more suffer nonfatal injuries. Almost one-third of these victims are children under the age of 15.

By following the few safety tips listed below, you can protect yourself and your children.

- ♦ It is critical to teach children to look both ways before crossing streets. Although vehicles may be required to yield to pedestrians, not all drivers follow the rules and others may not be able to see pedestrians in time to react.
- ♦ Cross only at designated crossings. Entering traffic mid-block or from between parked cars is dangerous.
- ♦ Teach children to never dart out into traffic.

There are many dangers associated with getting on and off the school bus. Talk about these dangers and teach your children how to

stay safe.

Getting on the school bus

When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness. Do not stray onto streets, alleys or private property.

- ♦ Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches.
- ♦ Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.
- ♦ Use the hand rail when stepping onto the bus.

Getting off the school bus

If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least ten feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road until you can turn around and see the driver.

Make sure that the driver can see you.

When it is safe, walk across the road and keep an eye out for sudden traffic changes.

Stay away from the bus' rear wheels at all times.

Motor vehicle safety

The triple threat of high speeds, impaired or careless driving and not using occupant restraints threatens every driver—regardless of how careful or how skilled.

Driving defensively means not only taking responsibility for yourself and your actions but also keeping an eye on “the other guy.” The National Safety Council suggests the following guidelines to help reduce your risks on the road.

- ♦ Don't start the engine without securing

each passenger in the car, including children and pets. Safety belts save thousands of lives each year! Lock all doors.

- ♦ Remember that driving too fast or too slow can increase the likelihood of collisions.

♦ Don't kid yourself. If you plan to drink, designate a driver who won't drink. Alcohol is a factor in almost half of all fatal motor vehicle crashes.

♦ Be alert! If you notice that a car is straddling the center line, weaving, making wide turns, stopping abruptly or responding slowly to traffic signals, the driver may be impaired.

♦ Avoid an impaired driver by turning right at the nearest corner or exiting at the nearest exit. If it appears that an oncoming car is crossing into your lane, pull over to the roadside, sound the horn and flash your lights.

♦ Notify the police immediately after seeing a motorist who is driving suspiciously.

♦ Follow the rules of the road. Don't contest the “right of way” or try to race another car during a merge. Be respectful of other motorists.

♦ Don't follow too closely. Always use a “three-second following distance” or a “three-second plus following distance.”

♦ While driving, be cautious, aware and responsible.

Carve out time this week, preferably tonight, to share these and other critical safety concerns and countermeasures with your family. Keep them informed as seasonal changes bring new challenges. As Wingmen, it's time to check in. *(Courtesy of the USAFE Safety Office.)*



Photo by Airman 1st Class Renae Saylock

AF Birthday bash

Tech. Sgt. Scott LaCroix, 39th Operations Squadron, participates in the obstacle course during the Air Force Birthday competition Saturday. There were a total of seven events with three teams competing head to head.

History, heraldry preserved by Incirlik's new memory keeper

By 1st Lt. S.J.B. Bryant
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

What does the blue and yellow color of the 39th Air Base Wing patch mean? How were the Air Force units in Turkey affected by the aftermath of the Cuban Missile Crisis? Where does a unit's insignia and documented accomplishments go when the unit is deactivated? Who decides what will be remembered about a base? When is unit history recorded and for how long?

These are some of the questions a historian can answer and Mr. Chris Hunkel, Incirlik's new historian, said he is more than happy to answer.

"I really, really enjoy history," said the Milwaukee, Wis., native who retired from the Air Force in 1999. "About the only things a historian can do is continue going to school, teach history or get a job collecting it."

Mr. Hunkel is now literally up to his eyeballs in history as he sorts through more than 60 years of the 39th's events. But this is what he does.

"I chose this job because, rather than teach history, I wanted to become a part of it," said Mr. Hunkel, who retired as a master sergeant in the Public Affairs career field. "Historians don't concern themselves with the 'what could be' of the present based upon multiple 'if only's' of the past. Instead, we concentrate on the realities of the present resulting from the facts of the past. This knowledge enables us to provide useful advice and insight to those who shape the development of the future."

"History is a living, breathing, today kind of thing. The role of the base historian is all about providing context both in the past and future tense," said Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th ABW commander. "Historians are crucial team members and without them, in the words of George Santayana, 'those who do not remember the past, are condemned to repeat it.'"

Since being selected for this assignment and arriving here in August, the biggest issue Mr. Hunkel said he faces in an overseas location is the wing-to-host history.

"The mission changes much more frequently at an overseas base

than at Base X in the United States," said Mr. Hunkel, who received a bachelor's degree in History and Political Science from Lakeland College, Wis. "With Operation Northern Watch, Provide Comfort and other operations performed here over the years, this base was pretty busy for years. With its current mission, the wing continues to have a lot of activity. There is a lot of history to record and keep track of."

Mr. Hunkel said Incirlik is more unique than other bases because of its location and support to the missions down range and the sensitivities that may result from them. One of his top priorities is to organize all the previous agreements between the base and its host.

"The history office is the repository of information for everything the wing does," said Mr. Hunkel, who is the first civilian historian assigned here since the career field began 'civilianizing' in fiscal year 2005 as part of a three-year phased program. "After we collect data at this level, we send it through the chain to the Air Force Historical Research Agency, which is a subsidiary of the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C., and they archive all Air Force histories."

Since Incirlik's history is an important part of Air Force history, it is vital to record as much as possible. Moreover, Incirlik's history is important because it helps "develop our future based on our past experiences and accomplishments." Mr. Hunkel added that base units should use their historian to make their lives easier.

"The only way I can be successful in collecting the 39th Air Base Wing story is with the help of its units," he said. "But the historian can be an important tool to them as well. For example, I can give them detailed accounts of particular events that happened in the past so that if they need to conduct a similar event or tasking, they wouldn't have to reinvent the wheel."

Mr. Hunkel said he has his work cut out for him as he peers over the stacks of folders waiting to be reviewed and recorded. But he said he is looking forward to the challenge and is excited to support the base, its units and its host.

Stray animal bites becoming problem on base

By Capt. Edward Kosterman
39th Medical Group

Injuries from stray cats and dogs are an increasingly problem at Incirlik. Feeding, petting or having any physical contact with the stray animal population is a significant health and economic risk.

The past two years, and particularly the last month, the 39th Medical Squadron treated an alarming number of animal bite cases. Everyone should understand and take steps to reduce the risks posed by our stray animal population. Consider the following statistics.

- ♦ 2003 – The 39th MDS reported only four animal bites and scratches

- ♦ 2004 – The 39th MDS treated 19 patients with animal bites and scratches

- ♦ To date – This year, the 39th MDS treated 12 animal bite and scratch cases, seven occurred from Aug. 8 to 21.

Many of the recent bites were the result of people feeding stray animals. Feeding stray animals is against base policy.

One consequence of an animal bite case is the elevated risk of contracting an infectious disease the stray animal may carry. The most serious of these diseases is rabies. Rabies is 100 percent fatal after the start of symptoms.

If someone is bitten or scratched, they should immediately report to the Immediate Care Clinic for evaluation. If the animal is a stray and has not been examined by the Vet Clinic, it will be considered a high risk animal. If the animal is classified as high risk, post-exposure treatment will be initiated.

Remember, most stray animals on base are considered high risk because their rabies vaccine status is unknown. People should educate their children not to play with animals that are not theirs and tell someone if they see any around.

If you do find or see a stray kitten or other animal, do not attempt to catch the animal yourself. Call the 39th Civil Engineer Squadron service desk at 6-6356 or 6-6357 to have them remove the animal.

If you find an animal trapped in "Have a Heart" and "TRU CATCH" live traps, do not attempt to release the animal from the trap. Technicians inspect the traps hourly.

For more information or questions about stray animals or rabies, call Capt. Edward Kosterman or Staff Sgt. Eric Pinlac, 39th MDS preventive health, at 6-6123.

Simulator makes debut at tower

\$700,000 air traffic control simulator installed as training device to help controllers gain knowledge, train for proficiency

By Capt. Denise Burnham
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The 39th Operations Squadron Air Traffic Control flight received a new piece of training equipment last month.

A \$700,000 air traffic control simulator was installed as a training device to help controllers gain knowledge and train for proficiency.

Headquarters, Air Force Flight Standards Agency funded the project and directed new simulators to be installed Air Force wide. Approximately 60 to 70 bases already have it.

"This tool helps the Airmen run traffic and learn 'Incirlikisms,'" said Master Sgt. Stewart Williams, 39th OS ATC tower chief.

"The point of having the training equipment is to train the staff," he added. "If a staff member is having a certain problem with a maneuver, the time to learn is not on real aircraft – that's what this equipment is for. We can run the same problem over and over until they get it right and no lives are put at risk."

Before the cargo hub stood up there was little air traffic here. Now, the workload has tripled. The 12-person team takes care of several landings and take-offs per day. Due to the former mission of Operation Northern Watch, the staff here does not normally get three-levels inbound to this location. But, in case they ever do, they now have the proper training equipment.

Any base in the Air Force and any aircraft may be loaded on the system. The management staff builds scenarios on the simulator and lets controllers practice running maneuvers or landing different aircraft such as KC-135s, F-16s, C-17s, helicopters or anything else. The supervisors can manually control the scenarios and make them as difficult as needed for training requirements.



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Senior Airman Jeremiah Moore (left) and Master Sgt. Stewart Williams, 39th Operations Squadron air traffic controllers, use the new ATC simulator. The simulator helps train controllers on real-world Incirlik scenarios without using aircraft or putting lives at risk.

"If the person is getting kind of cocky, you can load up an emergency landing scenario on the system," said Sergeant Williams. "This allows us to see how the controllers manage stress and decision-making skills."

Before the Incirlik scenario was loaded onto the software, an Air Force team came here last year and took photos of the base to create a realistic training scenario for the system.

Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and Nellis AFB, Nev., come loaded on the system already.

"The system is so advanced that other bases may be loaded onto it," said Sergeant Williams. "For example, if one of the troops was PCSing to Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., a busy fighter-training base, then the system allows them to practice maneuvers with the Luke scenario loaded onto the system."

The installation team installed the proficiency tool over one week. Then they held a three-day training class for the air traffic controllers to learn the new system.

It is now incorporated into the controller's formal training program.

The simulator is more realistic and the planes move around in the training scenario, just like real life. Air traffic controllers are required to be thinking the whole time a sce-

nario is running around them.

"This is more realistic; before this, we used to use little plastic planes on table-top training devices," said Sergeant Williams. "Now, it's more like a videogame versus chess. Everything is moving around them and is more dynamic."

The machine is voice-activated and responds to various commands. If air traffic controllers have a problem with a certain maneuver, they can keep doing the maneuver until they get it right. They can keep stopping and starting it over at any time.

"Our traffic here can be a little slow sometimes," said Sergeant Williams. "Sometimes we load ONW type of traffic onto the simulator, to get people humming."

The air traffic control flight is responsible for air traffic within a 50-mile radius of the base, up to 28,000 feet. The control tower is responsible for the runways, airfields and immediate airspace within a five-mile radius and up to 3,000 feet.

"The new tower simulator system allows our tower personnel to simulate scenarios that are more demanding than the day to day operations at Incirlik," said Lt. Col. Kevin Leek, 39th OS commander.



Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

Turkish gardeners

Question: We arrived at Incirlik last month and moved in our house last week. Starting the day we moved in, at least two maids knocked on our door and asked if we needed a maid. Also, a Turkish man showed up and said he was the gardener in charge of our yard and the yards in our area. Do I have to hire a maid or a gardener, especially the one who says he is in charge of our area?

Answer: Welcome to Incirlik Air Base and Adana, Turkey. Hiring a maid, gardener or nanny, if you have small children, is an inexpensive luxury here. Everybody would like to have a helping hand around the house, yard or with the children.

Depending on your needs, you can hire any maid you like for however many days of the week. The same thing is valid for nannies. You can pay them daily, weekly or monthly, depending on the number of the days they come to your house. I would suggest asking your neighbors and friends for advice on what a decent fare is for the maids and nannies.

Just like the maids, you do not have to hire a gardener if you decide to take care of your own yard. However, many Americans think having a gardener is quite handy. The gardener takes care of your yard throughout the year and you pay him a certain fee once a month. Since the yards of the houses are not very large, one gardener can take care of the yards of several houses at once. In addition to keeping your yard neat, some of the gardeners wash your vehicle as well. If you want special plants or flowers planted in your yard, buy the plants or flowers and give them to your gardener.

Although most of them have worked on the base for years and know the basic words and phrases about their work, most of the disputes or disagreements that take place between you and your maid, gardener or nanny are caused by a language barrier. In order to prevent those disputes, make it clear what you want and what you do not want at the very beginning. When you give a cleaning product to your maid to use, explain how to



Courtesy photo

Rabiye Yikilmaz, a Turkish maid and nanny working on base, cleans a carpet.

use it. In some cases, their English is not good enough to read the instructions.

Your gardener might ask you to get gas for your lawn mower because he cannot bring or buy gas on the base. You do not have to hire the gardener in your area, but the gardeners on base have an unwritten, gentlemen's agreement that they do not work on the yards of other areas.

The normal working hours for maids, gardeners or nannies is Mondays through Fridays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you need them to work extended hours, you should submit an extension letter from American pass and identification to Turkish pass and ID. If you want them to work on weekends, you should write a separate letter showing a good reason for weekend work and should be endorsed by your unit commander. The letter should be turned in to Turkish headquarters, not Turkish pass and ID. Make sure the letter is translated into Turkish first.

You should sponsor your maid, gardener or nanny so they can get a gate pass. The sponsorship package can be obtained from the American pass and ID. When you wish to terminate their employment, you should give a termination letter to Turkish pass and ID.

The maids, gardeners and nannies are liable for their actions on the base. There are some rules and restrictions they should abide by while working on base. They cannot loiter or use their cell phones on the base; they and their belongings are subject to search by security during entry and exit

through the gate; they should log in and out at the gate daily; they cannot get involved with any actions illegal or contrary to the rules and regulations of the Air Force; and they cannot bring or take out goods and items banned by the installation commander.

In Turkish

hizmetci - maid
(his-met-chee)

bahcivan - gardener
(bahh-che-vahn)

bebek bakicisi - baby sitter (nanny)
(beh-back bah-keh-jeh-seh)

bahce - garden
(bahh-che)

temiz - clean
(tah-miz)

sabun - soap
(sah-boon)

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

Amazing Incirlik Race

The Air Force Sergeants Association is hosting an Amazing Incirlik Race 7 a.m. Wednesday. Teams must consist of five people, one of which must be a woman. Entry deadline is today. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. DeeDee DuBose at 6-6210.

Sponsorship training

The family support center hosts sponsorship training from 9 to 10 a.m. Oct. 3 at the FSC. The class provides the most up-to-date information about what is involved in a PCS move to Incirlik. For more information or to sign up, call the FSC at 6-6755.

TAP seminar

The FSC offers a three-day transition assistance program seminar from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 4 through Oct. 6. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Oktoberfest

Incirlik Oktoberfest is Oct. 8 from 5 to 10 p.m. at Arkadas Park. For more information, call Chris Skully at 6-9895.

PTSA volunteers

The Parent Teacher Student Association needs volunteers for the 2005-2006 school year. For more information, call Nikki Flores at 6-6196.

Ride horses

Country Plains Riding Club is hosting an adult night at the horse stables Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. Adults can come out and check their riding skills for \$5. For more information, call Angela at 6-2153.

Quilting

The quilting group meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Red Cross classroom in the family support center.

Ultimate frisbee

Anyone interested in playing ultimate frisbee can contact Kelley Cunningham at 0536-818-1127 or e-mail kelley.cunningham@eu.dodea.edu.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Senior Airman Diana Casey

39th Logistics Readiness Squadron
consolidated customer service journeyman

Time in service: Four years, seven months

Hometown: San Bernardino, Calif.

Time on station: 14 months

Hobbies: Tennis, bowling, arts and crafts and I love to travel

Why did you join the Air Force? To travel and further my education

What do you like most about Incirlik?

My friends and co-workers

How do you contribute to the mission? I am responsible for ordering, adding, deleting and changing bench stock details, processing DRMO withdrawals and turn-ins, and ordering and tracking MICAPS.

What Air Force core value best describes you and why? "Excellence in all we do." I try my best to be good at what I do and do things right the first time.

Supervisor's quote: "Airman Casey is the epitome of professionalism," said Staff Sgt. Benjamin Herron III, 39th LRS NCO in charge of stock control "She is indeed the whole person concept and displays our core values: integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do."



This is the solution for the crossword puzzle published in the Sept. 16 *Tip of the Sword*. Crossword puzzles are published in the first *Tip of the Sword* edition of every month. For more information, call 6-6060 or e-mail the *Tip of the Sword* at tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil



Position opening: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University announces a position opening for Center Director of Operations here.

This is a full-time, salaried position. Applicants must possess a master's degree, have office computer skills and be able to work with both students and faculty. For more information or to submit a resume, e-mail europe.assistant.rdo@erau.edu.

Wanted: Someone who is trustworthy and dependable to provide in home care for 4- and 6-year-old. Must be willing to work primarily Monday - Friday, sometimes on weekends and at all different hours of the day and night. Must have own means of transporta-

tion and references. For more information, call 6-9381 after 5 p.m.

Wanted: Immediate part-time opening for WICO Wellness Counselor. BA/BS in nursing/dietician or Home Economics required. Call 6-1237 or DSN 226-9016 for details.

Wanted: The home schooling group is looking for an experienced person to teach a class on art or music. Teacher needs to have experience working with children. We will provide flexible hours for the classes. If you have any art skills such as drawing, sketching, crafts, pottery, etc., call Jackie at 6-2360 or Jason at 6-8075 or e-mail welovejesus247@yahoo.com.

Wanted: A children's 12 volt power wheels toy in decent condition (no cosmetic damage) faded paint is acceptable, possibly Barbie jeep or Big Foot. Call Corey at 6-8411/2441.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Renae Saylock

Not Forgotten

Staff Sgt. Eric Allum (center), 39th Air Base Wing Honor Guard team member, prepares to retire the colors during the Prisoners of War/Missing In Action retreat ceremony Sept. 16. The ceremony was held to honor the Airmen, Sailors, Marines and Soldiers who were prisoners of war or missing in action during every American war since World War I.

COMBAT, SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Combat Touch events

Mid-week Bible Study is 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 6-2188.

The Crossroads Café is opened Friday 7 p.m. for 18 years and older. The cafe will be open Saturday 6 p.m. for all ages.

Hours for Sunday worship services at the base chapel in building 945 are:

Protestant:

8 a.m. – Traditional worship service

11:15 a.m. – Gospel worship service

6 p.m. – Contemporary service

Catholic:

9 a.m. – Reconciliation

9:30 a.m. – Mass

Revival:

6:30 p.m. Oct. 5-7 – Amelda E. Thomas, founder and president of F.A.I.T.H international Ministries is the guest speaker at this year's revival.

Daily Mass is 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. The chapel also has points of contact for other religions. Personal checks written to the chapel require the sponsor's social security number on them. For more information, call the base chapel at 6-6441.



AT THE OASIS

Today

Fantastic Four (PG-13) – Starring Ioan Gruffudd and Jessica Alba. When an experimental space voyage goes awry, four people are changed by cosmic rays. Showing at 7 p.m. (123 minutes)

High Tension (R) – Starring Cecile de France and Maiwenn Le Besco. Two worlds collide disastrously — Alex has brought her friend Marie to spend the weekend at her parents' country farmhouse to escape the hectic pace of Paris. An intruder is about to turn their dreams into a nightmare. Showing at 9:15 p.m. (85 minutes)

Saturday

Rebound (PG) – Starring Martin Lawrence, Wendy Raquel. Coach Roy once was college basketball's top mastermind, now he waits for a suitable coaching offer, but he receives only one: A Junior high school basketball squad. Showing at 5 p.m. (103 minutes)

Stealth (PG-13) – Starring John Lucas and Jessica Biel. The Navy develops an artificial intelligence computer fighter jet. The

jet learns maneuvers combat maneuvers from the human pilots aboard and uses the knowledge for its own advantage. Showing at 7:30 p.m. (98 minutes)

Sunday

Stealth (PG-13) – Starring John Lucas, Jessica Biel. Showing at 7 p.m. (98 minutes)

Thursday

High Tension (R) – Starring Cecile de France, Maiwenn Le Besco. Showing at 7 p.m. (85 minutes)

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Cinderella Man (PG-13) — 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (121 minutes)

Godsend (PG-13) — 12:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (102 minutes)

Stealth (PG-13) — 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (104 minutes)

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>. For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.